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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 1, 2001

E.M.D. 136
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The Honorable Joe M. Allbaugh
Director
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Washington, D.C. 20472

Dear Director Allbaugh:

I have determined that the damage in certain areas of the State of Washington, resulting from an earthquake on February 28, 2001 and continuing, is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a major disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 USC 5121 (Stafford Act). I, therefore, declare that such a major disaster exists in the State of Washington.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate from funds available for these purposes, such amounts as you find necessary for Federal disaster assistance and administrative expenses.

You are authorized to provide Individual Assistance, Public Assistance, and Hazard Mitigation in the designated areas. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Public Assistance or Hazard Mitigation will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs.

Further, you are authorized to make changes to this declaration to the extent allowable under the Stafford Act.

Sincerely,

